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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 5496

PARTY FOR MARY HOYT AND ASST. SEC. TODMAN;  
S/S FOR BODINE

DEPT FOR A; WHITE HOUSE FOR KATHY CADE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, MRS. ROSALYNN), VE

SUBJECT: MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO CARACAS

1. FORMER PRESIDENT ROMULO BETANCOURT HAS REQUESTED  
AN OPPORTUNITY TO CALL BRIEFLY ON MRS. CARTER WITH  
MRS. BETANCOURT DURING MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO CARACAS  
TO PAY HIS RESPECTS.

2. PRESIDENT BETANCOURT IS UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED AS THE  
FOUNDER OF VENEZUELAN DEMOCRACY. IN THE LOCAL PARLANCE,  
IT WOULD BE THE EQUIVALENT OF GEORGE WASHINGTON STILL  
WALKING THE EARTH IN THE U.S. FURTHER, HE IS THE SINGLE  
MOST POWERFUL LEADER OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S AD PARTY,  
PROBABLY NOT EXCLUDING PRESIDENT PEREZ. HE IS A PUBLICLY  
AVOWED ADMIRER OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S AND IS HARD AT  
WORK ON A BOOK ABOUT THE PRESIDENT, EXCERPTS OF WHICH  
HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL PRESS.

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3. WHAT PRESIDENT BETANCOURT HAS SUGGESTED IS A  
BRIEF 5-MINUTE CALL "TO SHAKE MRS. CARTER'S HAND". HE  
HAS EXPLAINED THAT HE WILL NOT BE GOING TO THE DINNER  
SATURDAY EVENING SINCE UNDER MEDICAL ORDERS HE DOES NOT  
GO OUT IN THE EVENINGS. THEREFORE HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT  
HE AND HIS WIFE (WHO ALSO ACTS AS HIS TRANSLATOR; SHE IS

A MEDICAL DOCTOR TRAINED AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN WITH  
A SPECIALTY IN CHILD PSYCHOLOGY) COME BY TO PAY THEIR  
RESPECTS JUST PRIOR TO MRS. CARTER'S LEAVING FOR THE DINNER.

4. THERE IS NO POSSIBLE WAY WE CAN GRACEFULLY REFUSE THIS  
REQUEST, AND AMBASSADOR STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT MRS. CARTER  
AGREE TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT BETANCOURT. THE TIME COULD BE  
AT 7:15 OR 7:30.

5. PLEASE CONFIRM.  
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